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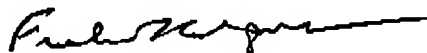
Response to Non Compliant Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 10/6/2005 please find attached a signed copy of the amendment as previously submitted on Aug 22, 2005. The August 22, 2005 amendment accompanied a Request for Continued Examination.

If any fees should be due, please charge them to deposit account 503404.

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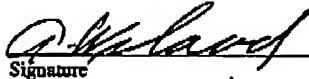
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This communication responds to the Advisory Action of July 1, 2005 and the Final Office Action of March 1, 2005. Attached is a Request for Continued Examination, Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response to September 1, 2005, and Fee for the Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

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